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APPARATUS AND OBSERVATION
APPARATUS

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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
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Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Allowability mailed September 15, 2003 for the above-identified application.

However, the Notice of Allowability does not acknowledge receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents filed with the application on November 2, 2000. A copy of the USPTO postcard acknowledgment of receipt is attached showing that the priority documents were submitted.

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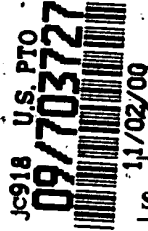
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Appln. Trans. ltr & Ck. #113353 (\$1,686), 108 pp. spec., 52 clms, Abst., 23 shs of drwgs (Figs. 1-23), & CFP w/ cert. copy of JP-1999-355879 filed 12-15-99, JP-2000-157332 filed 05-26-00, & JP-2000-230349 filed 07-31-00



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